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1. CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARD SOVIET AND CUBAN
ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA DERIVE FROM CHILE'S EXPERIENCE UNDER
ALLENDE, FROM THE SUBSEQUENT CONTINUING SOVIET/CUBAN
CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILE, AND FROM THE GENERALLY CON-
SERVATIVE ATTITUDES OF THE PRESENT MILITARY RULERS.
THE SOVIET AIM IN AFRICA IS TO ESTABLISH COMMUNIST
REGIMES LOYAL TO MOSCOW. THE CUBANS ARE MOSCOW'S WILLING
LIEUTENANTS IN THIS ENDEAVOR. CASTRO IS NOT IN AFRICA
SIMPLY OR EVEN PRIMARILY BECAUSE CUBA IS HIGHLY DE-
PENDENT ON THE SOVIET UNION -- AND THEREFORE MUST DO
ITS BIDDING -- BUT RATHER BECAUSE CASTRO SEEKS AND
ENJOYS A WORLD STAGE FOR HIS REVOLUTIONARY GOALS.
HAVING BEEN LARGELY FRUSTRATED IN LATIN AMERICA (IN
GOOD PART, THE GOC WOULD ARGUE, BECAUSE OF THE CHILEAN
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MILITARY COUP OF 1973) CASTRO HAS TURNED HIS ATTENTION
TO AFRICA.

2. BECAUSE IT HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT ULTIMATE SOVIET/
CUBAN AIMS IN AFRICA, THE GOC DEVOTES LITTLE THOUGHT TO
OTHER PROBLEMS ATTENDANT ON LARGE SOVIET AND CUBAN
PRESENCES ON THE CONTINENT. THE GOC'S PRESCRIPTION FOR

HANDLING THE BASIC AND ANY ATTENDANT PROBLEMS IS TWO-FOLD. THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES MUST THEMSELVES BEWARE OF SOVIET/CUBAN ASSISTANCE: INTERNAL SUBVERSION FOLLOWS INEVITABLY AND SWIFTLY. SECOND, THE DEVELOPED DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, MUST PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES RESISTING SOVIET/CUBAN SUPPORTED ENCROACHMENT (E.G. ZAIRE, SOMALIA) OR TO PRE-EMPT THEIR GOING TO THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS FOR ASSISTANCE -- MILITARY OR ECONOMIC -- WHICH THEN OPENS THE WAY FOR POLITICAL SUBVERSION. THE GOC BELIEVES THAT, IN SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE, THE POLICY OF DETENTE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN A FAILURE. WHILE THE U.S. HAS BEEN WILLING TO FOLLOW A HANDS-OFF POLICY IN THE THIRD WORLD, THE SOVIET UNION HAS CONTINUED TO PURSUE ENERGETICALLY ITS IDEOLOGIC AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES -- IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

3. GOC OFFICIALS HAVE NEVER DISCUSSED WITH US THE POSSIBLY DIVISIVE IMPLICATIONS AMONG LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS OF THE SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA. THE GOC PROBABLY ASSUMES THAT MOST LA GOVERNMENTS SHARE ITS CONCERNS BUT, BECAUSE THEIR OWN RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND THE USSR ARE NORMAL OR LESS STRAINED, ARE MORE RETICENT IN EXPRESSING THEM.
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